



U.S. Citizenship  
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# Advisory

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## **USCIS TO SWEAR-IN 30 NEW AMERICANS AT ALEXANDRIA, VA CITY HALL** *New U.S. Citizens Hail From 21 Nations*

Washington, DC — Phyllis Howard, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Washington, D.C. District Director, will administer the Oath of Allegiance to 30 new citizens, from 21 different nations around the world, at Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, Tuesday, September 14, 2004. In recognition of Citizenship Day, the City of Alexandria is hosting this special naturalization ceremony for the 30 new Americans. Alexandria City Mayor William Euille will address the new citizens and also honor them with a special Alexandria City proclamation immediately following the ceremony in the City Council Chambers. More than 28,000 new Americans will be sworn-in during Citizenship Day ceremonies around the nation. During Fiscal Year 2004, 456,063 were sworn in as new Americans.

The 30 new Americans hail from the following countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Vietnam.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security

**EVENT:** Naturalization Ceremony

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 14, 2004

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Market Square, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

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